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✓ HERMAN RODA DIES

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Herman Roda, long a resident of Henry Township, died very suddenly last Friday night at St. Luke's Hospital, Aberdeen.

About two weeks ago, deceased was the victim of severe gasoline burns while driving from James to his home. The wagon he was driving had been used for hauling gasoline and beyond a doubt some of the dangerous explosive had saturated clothing or blankets. With its tendency to seek lower levels the fluid or vapor was just in the right form to produce a terrific explosion as he struck a match with which to light a cigar. He was badly burned on his side and on one of his hands, and was taken to the hospital in order to receive proper care. He showed every indication of recovery, and in fact was up and around. Just a short time before his death he had been talking with his wife and there seemed to be no indication that the end was near. Embolism, the term used by physicians to designate a blood clot in an artery which stops circulation, is given as the immediate cause of his death.

Herman Julius Roda was born in Eau Claire, Wis., May 4th, 1873. Came to Groton March 15th, 1884 with his parents. Was united in marriage with Lousetta Reamann Dec. 31st, 1900. This union was blessed with two sons; Clarence, who preceeded his father in death several years ago, and Harvey Jennings. Leaves sorrowing widow and son, aged mother, one sister and two brothers.

The body was brought back to the home of his brother-in-law James Blair, where the funeral was held on Tuesday of this week with Rev. C. F. Strutz in attendance.

His death is a terrible blow to the relatives and to the friends and neighbors with whom he has associated for so many years, and by whom he has ever been held in esteem and good will.